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BRUSSELS PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO DAVIGNON REGARDING US APPROACHES TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN ON IEP.

1. WE HAVE HAD CONTACTS WITH PORTUGUESE ON IEP BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND LISBON. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, BESET WITH OTHER PRESSING PRIORITIES, HAS NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON IEP. MFA SOURCE IN LISBON NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOP HAS HAD THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION SINCE SEPTEMBER 26. PORTUGUESE WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME TIME BEFORE MAKING DEFINITIVE DECISION. IN MEANTIME, PORTUGUESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL HERE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOP SUPPORT FOR OECD COUNCIL DECISION ESTABLISHING NEW AGENCY. MFA SOURCE TOOK FAVORABLE NOTE OF FACT THAT AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WOULD INVOLVE NO FINANCIAL OR OTHER COMMITMENT.

2. SPANISH INTEREST IN IEP CLEAR FROM US CONTACTS BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND MADRID. SPANISH PRESENCE AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN OCTOBER 22 BRUSSELS ECG MEETING PROVIDED DAVIGNON AND ALL ECG COUNTRIES WITH FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS INTEREST. GOS DID INFORM OUR EMBDZ IN MADRID FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 22 BRUSSELS MEETING THAT SPANISH CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD IEP MEMBERSHIP AND THAT DECISION ON WHETHER TO JOIN EXPECTED LATE IN WEEK OF OCTOBER 28. INGERSOLL

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